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Porous Structures Having a Pre-metallization Conductive Polymer Coating and

Method of Manufacture

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## **AMENDMENT**

## In the Claims:

PLEASE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING CLAIM 14 FOR THE PENDING CLAIM 14:

Claim 14. (Amended) A complex porous structure of reticulated material produced by a process comprising:

electroplating said material with metal substantially throughout its entire developed surface, subsequent to

bre-metallization, said pre-metallization comprising depositing a conductive polymer,

said depositing comprising:

(1) oxidizing a base structure comprising pores,

(2) rinsing,

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